

Demonstration Notice

February 28, 2011

Please be aware of the planned demonstrations and large gatherings indicated below planned over the next four days. Expect large crowds and heavy traffic.

- Tuesday, 01 March at approximately 4:00 PM, demonstrators are planning to gather in the Seef area and near the Salmaniya Medical Center and proceed to the Pearl Roundabout.
- Wednesday, 02 March:
 - At approximately 3:00 PM, demonstrators are planning to walk from the Pearl Roundabout to the Ministry of Interior headquarters in Manama.
 - At approximately 5:30 PM, a demonstration is planned at the Al Fateh Mosque (Grand Mosque).
- Thursday, 03 March at approximately 7:00 PM, a demonstration is planned near City Centre Mall.
- Friday, 04 March:
 - At approximately 1:00 PM, demonstrations are planned in the Al Eker area and the Nowaidrat area.
 - At approximately 3:00 PM, demonstrations are planning to gather in front of the Ministry of Labor and in front of the Information and Statistics Authority and move towards the Radio and Television Authority (Isa Town).

- There continue to be on-going demonstrations near the Pearl Roundabout, and numerous demonstrations have been reported at the Salmaniya Medical Center in recent days.

US Citizens are advised to avoid those areas.

There is no indication that westerners are being threatened or targeted; however, spontaneous demonstrations and clashes are still capable of taking place.

If urgent medical care is required, other possible alternatives to Salmaniya Medical Center are listed below:

Bahrain Specialist Hospital
International Hosp
1781-2080

Bahrain Defence Forces Hospital
1765-9999

1759-0495

We remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information for Bahrain, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the afterhours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. The Embassy's web site, which includes travel information and the Worldwide Caution is at <http://bahrain.usembassy.gov>. Demonstration Notices can be found at <http://Bahrain.usembassy.gov/demonstration.html>. To register in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program please visit <https://travelregistration.state.gov> The Consular Section can be reached at ManamaConsular@state.gov